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**GERALD C. MANN  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**Honorable William J. Lawson  
Secretary of State  
Austin, Texas**

**Dear Sir:**

**Attention: Mr. Abner L. Lewis**

**Opinion No. O-4606**

**Re: Corporations - Section 2 of Article 1302, V. A. C. S. - Proposed charter of Good Government Forum of Dallas should be refused by you.**

**Your request for opinion has been received and carefully considered by this department. We quote from your request as follows:**

**"We are forwarding you herein the file of 'The Good Government Forum' of Dallas and direct your attention to the form of charter first submitted to this Department. After submission of the first charter we enclosed to Mr. Semerville of Dallas a questionnaire prepared by this Department for the reason that in our judgment the purposes outlined in the first charter were not authorized by the Statute. The answer of the questionnaire does not state, in our judgment, a purpose authorized by the Statute.**

**"They have submitted to us a new charter which we also enclose with a purpose clause which seems to us to be ambiguous and is somewhat different from the original purpose clause of the charter first sent us for approval.**

**"We are submitting the entire file to you and request an opinion from your department as to whether or not the purposes stated in this last charter sent us for approval come within the authorized purposes indicated by Section 2 of Article 1302 of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1925."**

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Section II of the last mentioned application for charter, dated May 18, 1942, reads as follows:

"The purpose for which it is formed is the gratuitous improvement of spiritual, mental, social and physical condition of men and women, by the maintenance of lectures, gymnasiums, recreational grounds and social meetings, as authorized by subdivision 2 of article 1802 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925."

Under the authorities cited in opinions Nos. 0-3991 and 0-2903, copies of which are enclosed herewith for your information, it is our opinion that such proposed charter should be refused by you.

We return herewith your file in the matter which you sent us.

Very truly yours

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

By

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APPROVED MAY 28, 1942

*Gerald B. Mann*

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